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Dear Steve,

In writing you in haste today I forgot several things. I think I should speak to Hathcock. Would you please let him know my schedule? Last time he said he never got my messages until I got through to him at home, the last day. If, when you speak to him, he has a current address on "The Professor", Dennis Harber, I'd like it before I get there. I have someone looking for him. I know his general area and have a friend there.

Perhaps you have not yet gotten it and if you have, you may have been and may continue to be too busy. But it is my hope to complete going over COUP before I leave so Lil can retype it in my absence. So, if it is at all possible, send me your suggestions pronto, so I can incorporate them. This will be the retyping for offset and it will be hard and costly to make additions later. Soon she will be going to work and for 3½ months will be able to do little typing. I'll bring the additions that are done with me. They may be extensive.

Something is bugging Maggie. Perhaps she has not mentioned it to you. I have written her a number of times without response. I do not know what it is, but I think it best to let events wash it out. I do have some suspicions. The last thing I want to do is embarrass her, so if she is holding something against me, just do not arrange for us to meet, unless that would embarrass her more. Be aware of this and do what you think best. I can ot imagine having consciously done anything to warrant this but I can imagine things she has been told that are not true.

If and when you finish the ms, do not send it when you send your suggestions without finding out if I'll need that copy with me. Perhaps I will. I may not have been able to recapture one in SF that I'm depending on. But when you are close to the end let me know so I can send you a copy of what I have done on the executive sessions, intending it as an addition, as I now do not. Now I'll use it as part of another book I plan and can do rapidly, once I get the free time. I'll tell you about it if you remind me when we are alone, save for those you trust and Art and Jim. I hope all of us can get together some evening so I wont be going over much of the same stuff with different people.

I owe someone for the radical-right directory. Have you been able to learn who? Is it Al?

If Jim forgot to tell you, you can learn where Hall is, if not from Howard (try if you haven't), then from his stepson, John Pappas, who is a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff. Al met him with me. There are some things I want to tell Hall, whether or not he is anxious to talk to me. If he doesn't, that is up to him. There are some things I have learned that, I think, he'll want to know. Al may have Pappas' home address. He gave it to us at the hospital, where he was , with his wife.

Jim was going to tape the Clark press conference and make a dub for me. If there is anything worth having, would you please try and get it dubbed before I get there? The closer we get to election time, the busier they'll both be,

Do you think it worth letting Bull know I'll be there? We can be friend or foe, as he wills. I think if he can forget the crap he has written and spoken, he might want to talk to me. What is your appaisal of my letter to Liebeler?

Al's tape has a voice-activated mike, as I recall. If so, can you find out if it will work inside a closed attache case? If he doesn't, can you borrow one and make the same test? I'll explain when I'm there. I wish I had one for my cassette machine, identical with Norelco. Perhaps someone has a mike with such fittings we can borrow? A five-inch Concord comes with such a mike. I have one of them but it doesn't fit the Norelco. If you can find out from one of the radio people if this mike can be adapted, I can bring it along.

Art Kunkin, who was so anxious to get the books and interview me, has done nothing about either, nor has he answered letters having to do with answering Epstein vs Jim. Try and nudge him at least on using the books in the stores. He was to have repaid the postage and insurance and hasn't done that. It costs him nothing to list them in his own ads in his own paper. If Jack Nelson of the LA Times is in town I'd like to meet him, if only long enough to congratulate him on some beautiful work. You know by now, perhaps, the credit I give him. Having heard Wallace on him, I respect this even more. Perhaps he has some nice quotes from Wallace that would be like bracketing Wallace with the characters in COUP? I'm to see ADL people the week before I leave. They spend a day here. Let Schecter wait for me, then you and I will go together. I think you should have this contact, personally. Sincerely,